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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 0184

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOPN, SW  
SUBJECT: SWEDISH REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH USAF AIRCREW

REF: STOCKHOLM 0133

1. THE US AIR ATTACHE WAS CONTACTED THIS AFTERNOON BY AN  
OFFICIAL OF THE SWEDISH BOARD OF CIVIL AVIATION WHO  
REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PILOT OF THE USAF  
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN  
THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT. THE  
AIR ATTACHE ACCEPTED THE REQUEST WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD'S CALL, THE  
AIR ATTACHE CHECKED WITH THE SWEDISH DEFENSE STAFF TO  
DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, INFORMATION THEY HAD ON AN  
INVESTIGATION BY THE SWEDISH BOARD OF CIVIL AVIATION.  
THE DEFENSE STAFF INDICATED THAT AFTER REVIEWING THE  
RADAR SCOPE FILMS (REFTEL), THEY CAN SEE TWO CROSSINGS,  
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INVOLVING THE USAF AIRCRAFT ON THE ONE HAND AND TWO  
SEPARATE AEROFLOT FLIGHTS ON THE OTHER. THE SECOND  
CROSSING ON JANUARY 5 WHICH WAS, ACCORDING TO DEFENSE STAFF,  
REPORTED BY AEROFLOT ONLY ON JANUARY 12, (BUT NOT KNOWN  
TO THIS EMBASSY UNTIL JANUARY 14) OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY  
ONE HOUR AFTER THE FIRST. THE SWEDISH DEFENSE STAFF  
INDICATED THAT THE FIRST INCIDENT WAS CLEARLY OUTSIDE

THE STOCKHOLM FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (REFTEL), BUT THAT THE SECOND OCCURRED VERY NEAR THE BOUNDARY OF SWEDISH CONTROLLED AIRSPACE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SECOND CROSSING ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE IN STOCKHOLM'S FIR IS VERY LIKELY THE REASON BEHIND THE BOARD'S CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER. THE FCDMS, ACCORDING TO DEFENSE STAFF OFFICIALS, SHOW THE USAF AIRCRAFT IN THIS INSTANCE PASSING BEHIND THE SOVIET AIRLINER.

3. POL. COUNS. SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED LEIF LEIFLAND, CHIEF, POLITICAL DIVISION, MFA, LATE THIS AFTERNOON, WHO EXPRESSED IGNORANCE OF BOARD'S CALL TO EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE. POL. COUNS. INDICATED EMBASSY'S SURPRISE THAT SUCH A REQUEST (TO INTERVIEW THE USAF PILOT) WOULD COME FROM ANY GOS AGENCY OTHER THAN MFA. LEIFLAND ASKED THAT EMBASSY TAKE NO ACTION ON BOARD'S REQUEST UNTIL HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER. LEIFLAND STATED HE WOULD CALL US ON MORNING OF JANUARY 17.  
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